

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Memorandum

TO: Commission DATE: March 18, 2009

FR: Executive Director W. I.

RE: <u>Transportation 2035: Revised Plan Adoption Schedule</u>

As the agenda item indicates, MTC staff is proposing to postpone the adoption of the Transportation 2035 Plan to April 2009 due to the additional time needed to prepare revisions. The revisions will specifically address new information about Santa Clara County's Measure A sales tax program and changes in funding for transit operations, including recently enacted multi-year cuts to the State Transit Assistance (STA) program. Staff will present these revisions at your meeting next week, and seek your approval to release them for public comment.

Below is the revised plan adoption schedule. Note that although MTC's Public Participation Plan calls for extending the comment period by 5 days to allow for public comment on revisions between the Draft Plan and Final Plan, staff is proposing a 14-day public comment period, starting March 25, 2009 and closing at 4 p.m. on April 8, 2009. All public comments and MTC responses to comments on the Draft Plan will be forwarded to the Planning Committee for its consideration prior to Planning Committee actions on the proposed Final Transportation 2035 Plan and companion Final Environmental Impact Report and Final Conformity Analysis on April 10, 2009. The Commission action on the Final Transportation 2035 Plan and companion reports is slated for April 25, 2009.

| Date | Committee | Activity |
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| March 25, 2009 | Commission | Present Revisions to Draft Plan |
| | | Open Public Comment Period |
| April 8, 2009 @ 4 pm | | Close Public Comment Period |
| April 10, 2009 | Planning | Committee Approval and Referral to |
| | Committee | Commission: |
| | | Approval of Conformity Analysis |
| | | Certification of Final EIR |
| | | Adoption of Final Plan |
| April 22, 2009 | Commission | Commission Approval: |
| | | Approval of Conformity Analysis |
| | | Certification of Final EIR |
| | | Adoption of Final Plan |